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REMARKS

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1. On 9 March 1951, only a few soldiers were seen at the Hubertus Kaserne on the north side of Flemminger Weg, Naumburg. They wore red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, and black-bordered black epaulets. Some officers wearing tank insignia were observed for the first time. The number of troops stationed in the installation was estimated at 200. [redacted] the majority of the troops from the installation were at the Koesen training area because machine gun and artillery or tank gun fire was repeatedly heard from that direction. No training activity was seen in the billeting area of the Hubertus Kaserne. Recruits who remained at the installation were employed exclusively as guards. Motor vehicles [redacted] were observed.
 

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2. Some of the troops stationed in the Bluecher Kaserne on the south side of Flemminger Weg seemed to have returned from the field exercises because two barracks buildings were again occupied to capacity by soldiers who wore black-bordered red epaulets without branch-of-service insignia. Only rear details of soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets were seen in the other barracks buildings. The total number of troops in the installation was estimated at 300. Two units were seen at training in the billeting area, each numbering about 60 recruits who wore black-bordered red epaulets. The garages in the billeting area were occupied to capacity by motor vehicles. Ambulance [redacted] and trucks [redacted] were observed.
 

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3. The Bismarck Kaserne on Weissenfelderstrasse quartered 120 to 140 troops. Activities at the usual rate were observed in the headquarters building, while the other barracks buildings were occupied by only a few soldiers who wore black-bordered black epaulets. Sedans and trucks were parked in the barracks yard. Truck [redacted] was seen. All of the motor vehicle equipment seemed to have remained in the installation.
 

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4. The two buildings of the Hindenburg Kaserne on Schoenburgerstrasse which previously quartered student drivers were vacant. The driving-school vehicles also seemed to have been withdrawn from the installation. Trucks observed in barracks traffic [redacted]
 

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5. The only habitable building of the former Heereszeugamt (ordnance depot) seemed to quarter a guard detail of about 40 men. Gate guards wore black-bordered red epaulets while guards at the AA gun emplacements wore red-bordered black epaulets. [redacted] all units at the post stored part of their equipment there and furnished sentries to guard the equipment. Motor vehicle [redacted] was observed in the ordnance depot. \*

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\* [redacted] Comment. [redacted] the absence of the troops from the post for field exercises on 2 March 1951. [redacted]

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It is possible that some recruits who may not have attained the training standard required remained in the installation [redacted]

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